

# RHINE RIVER CRUISE & OBERAMMERGAU 2010

August 01 to August 11



The history of the Oberammergau Passion Play dates back to the middle of the Thirty Years War. In 1633, after months of suffering from the Bubonic Plague, the people of Oberammergau took a vow to perform the "Play of the Suffering, Dying and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years if they were spared. Miraculously from that point on they all survived and true to their promise, the first performance was in 1634. This simple performance was held in a meadow and acted by the villagers. After 1674 they decided to change the date, so as to fall every ten years beginning in 1680. The only time it was not performed, was during World War II.

**DAY 01, SUN 08/01: FLIGHT USA TO AMSTERDAM**

**DAY 02, MON 08/02: AMSTERDAM-EMBARKATION**

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Arrive in Amsterdam and transfer to your luxurious AMA-Waterways cruise ship, which is conveniently moored near the city center. Start discovering the town during the balance of the day, before meeting your fellow travelers at the Welcome Cocktail Reception. Following dinner in the elegant Panorama Restaurant, savor the piano music in the beautiful Main Lounge, relax in the intimate atmosphere of the Amadeus Club, or head back into town to take in Amsterdam's fascinating nightlife.

**DAY 03, TUE 08/03: AMSTERDAM- CITY TOUR AND CANAL CRUISE**

**[B,L,D]**

Fitness enthusiasts can opt for an early morning stroll into the city, enjoy the ship's unique 110-yard walking track on the large Sun Deck or work out in the ship's gym. After a delectable breakfast, admire the wonderful architecture of the city from a guided canal boat tour. Sail in a glass-top boat past beautiful 17th century homes, charming churches with bell towers and 16th century merchant houses. Free time before departing Amsterdam around lunch. Enjoy an afternoon information briefing as you cruise towards Germany. Tonight you'll be a guest at the Captain's Gala Welcome Dinner. Then join your fellow travelers for evening of dance and dance lessons in the front lounge.

**DAY 04, WED 08/04: AMSTERDAM - COLOGNE- KOBLENZ**

**[B,L,D]**

Early riser cruise through fashionable Düsseldorf, before arriving in Cologne for a guided morning walking tour through the old part of the city and a visit to the fabled 13th century Gothic cathedral. At lunchtime continue to 2000-year old Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle rivers. Take an after dinner walk through this charming town.

**DAY 05, THU 08/05: KOBLENZ - RUEDESHEIM**

**[B,L,D]**

Today, sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, the most beautiful stretch of the river. Every mile along the river you'll admire a different, magnificent castle. Then see the legendary Lorelei Rock, where sweet songs of local beauties lured enchanted sailors to their doom. Arrive in Rudesheim, the perfect example of a Rhine Valley wine town. Here, a mini-train picks you up at the ship and takes you to the fascinating Siegfried's Musical Instrument Museum for a guided tour. During dinner bid farewell to the Rhine and enter the Main river. Tonight's fascinating Crew Show will conclude a great day of river cruising.

**DAY 06, FRI 08/06: RUEDESHEIM - WORMS - HEIDELBERG - SPEYER**

**[B,L,D]**

Morning tour of Worms, which is one of the oldest in Germany. Visit the marvelous cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul which dates back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Continue on to Heidelberg, Germany's beloved and celebrated ancient university town. We visit Heidelberg

castle and after free time in Heidelberg we meet our ship in Speyer later this afternoon. Evening is free in Speyer, an important city in medieval times.

- DAY 07, SAT 08/07: SPEYER - STRASBOURG [B,L,D]**  
 After breakfast enjoy a morning walking tour of Strasbourg, which was founded by the Romans 16AD. After become a free city of the Holy Roman Empire, Strasbourg grew and became wealthy. Today the European Parliament is seated in Strasbourg. Afternoon is free.
- DAY 08, SUN 08/08: STRASBOURG - BREISACH – COLMAR [B,L,D]**  
 Afternoon visit to picturesque Colmar nestled amidst vineyards in the foothill of the Vosges. After a city tour we return to our ship for dinner.
- DAY 09, MON 08/09: BASEL (DISEMBARK) – OBERAMMERGAU [B,D]**  
 Sailing during the night we arrive in Basel early this morning. After breakfast we disembark and we travel to the impressive fairy-tale castle of Neuschwanstein, built by Bavarian King Ludwig II. After a tour of the castle, continue to Oberammergau.
- DAY 10, TUE 08/10: OBERAMMERGAU [B,D,L]**  
 You will see the famous Passion play today. Since 1634 the inhabitants of Oberammergau have kept to their vow, taken after an outbreak of the plague in 1633, that they would perform a Passion play every ten years in memory of the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Tradition dictates that the play's cast of thousands is drawn only from inhabitants of Oberammergau. Enjoy the amazing performance in the unique theatre.
- DAY 11, WED 08/11: FLIGHT MUNICH – USA [B]**  
 After breakfast transfer to Munich international airport for your flight home.

**TOUR PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- 7 nights deluxe cruise aboard the AMA-Waterways MS AMALYRA in E category cabins (upgrades available)
- All meals during the cruise including unlimited wine and beer with dinner
- Transfer from Basel to Oberammergau and from Oberammergau to Munich airport
- Sightseeing as outlined in itinerary with local guides
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- 2 nights Oberammergau program with entrance to Passion Play
- Portorage at hotels of 1 large suitcase per person
- Deluxe fully equipped motor-coach as per program



**TOUR PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Meals & beverages not specified
- Tips to driver/guides
- Incidental personal expenses
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)

**LAND PRICE PER PERSON (sharing a Twin or Double):**

**USD 3,565.00**

Single supplement for Oberammergau portion only..... USD 285.00

Prices are per person in Cabin Category E in a deluxe outside stateroom with window. Port taxes of USD 133 are not included. To upgrade to a higher Cabin Category, add the following amount per person:

Cabin Cat.	Deck	AMA - DELUXE	STATEROOM	Ad on Price
D	Piano		Window	\$ 169
C	Cello		French Balcony	\$ 499
B	Cello		French Balcony	\$ 699
A	Violin		French Balcony	\$ 799

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS SOON—SPACE IS LIMITED AND YOU DON'T WANT TO BE LEFT BEHIND**

A deposit of \$ 800 is due by November 06, 2009 to confirm reservations; a second deposit of \$ 400 is due by January 15, 2010. Final Payment of balance is due by April 30, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT:**

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